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To both the Houſes of PARLIAMENT, the GENERAL, and the OFFICERS of the ARMY.

Weſtminſter Pallace Yard, *the* 15th. *day of the* 3d. *Month*, 1660.

THis day in our accuſtomed manner, in our own hired Houſe we were peaceable Aſſembled together in the fear of the Lord, to wait upon, and to Worſhip him in the Spirit & Truth, to ſpeak of the things of God one to another, as frequently it is our manner: As thoſe who at the preſent are intruſted with the Supream Authority are not unacquainted with. A little before the middle of this day ſome rude people came into our Meeting, and one *John Dover* amongſt them in a great rage, and ſwore (by God) that he would have us out, and offered to draw his Sword; and by him the hands of the rude multitude were exceedingly ſtrengthened, and their ſpirits highly exaſperated againſt us; and he the ſaid *Dover* did very much abuſe and beat the man of the Houſe where the Meeting was, knockt him down, and Swore he would run him through, and pulled him (with other Friends) out of his dwelling Houſe amongſt the rude multitude.

And afterwards thoſe of us that ſtaid in the Houſe, were aſſaulted by one Serjeant *Warn* of Capt. *Youngs* Company in Coll. *Reeds* Reg. with a party of Musketteers, who knockt us down, drew our blood, and exceedingly abuſed us in a ſavage-like manner, crying to us, turn out, turn out; the Souldiers preſenting their Muskets, threatning to fire at us without reſpect either to Old Age or Young, or Women with Child, but ſtruck moſt violently with the great end of their Muskets; ſome of our Friends being much bruiſed, maimed, and their blood drawn in this Tumult, which was firſt occaſioned by *John Dover*, and afterwards perſued and more fully acted by the Serjeant and Souldiers he brought with him, who by violence thruſt us out of our Houſe into the Street among the rude multitude: We ſay and are ready to prove that this Tumult was not at all occaſioned on our parts, we being peaceably Aſſembled (the Lord knowes) for no other end then as before mentioned; and when we deſired of the Tumulters to know their Order for pulling us violently forth, and diſſolving our Meeting in that cruel bloody manner, both *Dover* and the Serjeant Anſwered, they had an Order, *Dover* ſaying, his Sword was his Order; and when they had within doors exerciſed their cruelty upon us, they drove us forth of our Houſe, the rude multitude watched for us as for a Prey, who did in the Pallace Yard forthwith exerciſe their violence upon us with unuſual cruelty, inſomuch that very few or none of us that were in the Meeting, eſcaped their hands without much harm done to our Perſons.

And after they (to wit) *Dover*, the Serjeant and their Accomplices had wholly pulled us out, and expoſed us to the cruelty of the rude multitude, which we can truly ſay is far beyond preſent expreſſion or utterance, the Souldiers and multitude came again into the mans Houſe, (who hath lived in the ſame Pariſh 25 years) and broke open the inner doors, beating the man of the Houſe, his wife and his ſervants who had much ado to ſave their lives.

The ſame Serjeant (who led this party of Souldiers) the laſt week in the Pallace Yard hearing the people cry *a Quaker*, *a Quaker*, did beat a Friend in a moſt violent manner, for no other cauſe but becauſe the people called him *a Quaker*.

Likewiſe this day ſeveral Women big with Child being in the Meeting, were by theſe Souldiers, and the reſt of the Tumulters abuſed in ſuch a manner, not convenient to be named.

Theſe things being by proof made known unto you, let Juſtice and Equity be manifeſted from you upon the evil-doers according to the many Promiſes made for the Liberty of the Subjects, by this Preſent Parliament; And alſo having the word of a King, *that no man ſhall be Diſquieted or called in Queſtion for difference of Opinion in matters of Religion, which do not diſturb the Peace of the Nation, With your own Declaration, that you will take due care of tender Conſciences.*

Witneſſes hereof,

Thomas Salthouſe	Tho. Fox.	Rich. Hill
Rich. Hubberthorn	Manaſſes Keſketer	John Dixon
Edw. Billinge	Tho. Rawſon	Stephen Hart
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